



Ebbetts Pass Fire District Retains ISO Class 2/2X Rating

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The **ISO Public Protection Classification (PPC) 2/2X rating** that was originally received in 2016 has again been awarded to the District placing EPFD in the top 4% of all fire departments throughout the U.S. ISO extensively reviewed EPFD's fire service personnel and training, age and condition of fire apparatus, water supply, communications capabilities, automatic/mutual aid agreements, and community risk reduction.

EPFD serves homes and businesses along Highway 4 starting near the community of Forest Meadows up to the Calaveras/Alpine County line for a coverage area total of 225 square miles.

"This is a great achievement by Ebbetts Pass Fire District," said Fire Chief Mike Johnson. "A Class 2/2X rating is truly impressive, and residents and business owners should feel safe knowing they are protected by this outstanding District."

ISO's Public Protection Classification Program (PPC) plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. In fact, most U.S. insurers use PPC information as part of their decision-making when deciding what business to write, coverages to offer, or prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance. The ISO scale ranges from 1 (highest) to 9. While any rating does not necessarily indicate poor service, a more favorable rating does suggest that a department is better equipped overall to respond to fires—and therefore can result in lower insurance rates in that district.

Chief Mike Johnson thanks especially the water supply systems available in the District as they continue to upgrade their storage and delivery systems. Calaveras County Water District, Blue Lake Springs Water District, Snowshoe Springs Association Water, and Sky High Ranch Association.

If you would like to know more about EPFD's PPC classification, or about the potential effect of proposed changes to your insurance classification, or to obtain information regarding fire hydrant locations for a selected property, please call Ebbetts Pass Fire District during normal weekday business hours, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (209) 795-1646.

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